

WOMEN MUST DOFF HATS IN HIS CHURCH

Brooklyn Minister Issues Edict
and the Congregation
Threatens War.

SAYS FEATHERS ABSORB SOUND

Besides, Scenic Headgear is
Likely to Eclipse Pulpit
and Preacher.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Oct. 15.—If not a whirlwind, it is, at least, an October gale of protest that the Rev. Cortland Myers has reaped from the sowing of his order last Sunday that women must not wear their hats in his church, the Baptist Temple, Brooklyn.

While some of the women of his flock have accepted the ukase as final, there are others who do not, and they are supported by many women outside of the Temple congregation. The recalcitrants within the Temple declare that Dr. Myers has been misled and blame the musical director, whose name is Tali Esen Morgan. But the latter avows it is not so.

Feathers Absorb Sound.

"For twenty years," said Mr. Morgan yesterday, "I have conducted choirs. And I have never permitted women to wear hats during service. In the first place feathers and frills absorb the sound, the resonance of the singing. No one will attempt to sell a piano in a curtained or carpeted room for that very reason. Hats prevent the singers from seeing the conductor. Those in the rear seats sing into the hats of those in the seats ahead of them."

"Then the horrible hats that women wear! There is always a clash of color that is inharmonious. It is bad for the artistic eye. The Baptist Temple choir is the largest volunteer choir in America and when, two years ago, I issued an order directing the women to remove their hats there was a lot of protest. Three women left."

MARK TWAIN ON STAFF OF SAVITAR

Famous Missourian Will Give
Sketch—Plea for Lecture
Course.

Mark Twain will write a sketch specially for the Savitar this year, according to the announcement made at the assembly in the auditorium of Academic Hall this morning by Walter Stemmons, editor of the publication.

The assembly was devoted, as is customary Thursdays, to student activities. Stemmons continued his talk by asking for unusual photographs of students' "stunts" or campus views.

Henry Eliot, Jr., of the Y. M. C. A., urged the students to subscribe for the contemplated lecture course. He declared that the support for such courses is becoming less year by year.

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DRAMATIC LIFE BASIS OF \$75,000 LAW SUIT

Mrs. Vantine, Who Until Year Ago Was Ignorant
of Parentage, Sets Up Claim to Share in
Property of John Butler.

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known of her early life. She married a young farmer by the name of Samuel Vantine and is now the mother of several children and has grandchildren.

John Butler's Story.

After his first wife went away from home, John Butler went into the army as a wagonmaster. After leaving the army he married again and began keeping store in the northern part of the county, at the place now bearing his name. He invested his profits in rich Blackfoot land, which was at that time very cheap, and added acre after acre to his possessions until he became the owner of a vast tract of land, 1,500 acres in extent, in the northern part of the county, as well as 1,300 acres scattered elsewhere.

The second Mrs. Butler died leaving three children, and Butler married a third time. The third wife was divorced. He married a fourth time, the last wife being a Roman Catholic and converting her husband to that faith.

In his old age Butler hunted everywhere for the wife and child he had wronged, but they seemed to have disappeared completely. The confusion accompanying the readjustment of affairs after the war had completely buried the facts of the lives of the two outcasts. Though he sought faithfully for them his search was in vain.

Built a Church.

Butler built the now famous church in Blackfoot, which was open to ministers of all creeds and to persons of every belief. The itinerant preacher and lonely wanderer always found in Butler a cordial host. To his tenants he was an ideal landlord.

Two years ago last summer, Butler died. He left 2,800 acres of land, worth about 60,000, with \$15,000, to his widow, to revert to the other heirs upon her death. The child of the first wife, Mrs. Vantine, was not mentioned in the will.

The history of the supposed Mrs. Vantine's early life was gathered by Thomas J. Gillespy, her attorney. Had it not been for his efforts she would never have learned the facts on which is based the theory that she is a daughter of the "King of Blackfoot."

While investigating other matters in connection with the Butler estate more than a year ago, Mr. Gillespy learned that there was another child of John Butler, not mentioned in the will. He was surprised and began to investigate further. He found it a very difficult matter to gather any facts about the child as most of those who knew anything about her had died. He continued to work on the case, even advertising in newspapers over the state for information concerning a child named Lizzie Butler. He finally traced the child to Paris.

Advertisement a Clue.

Mrs. Hawkins, a niece of Mrs. John A. Logan, who is now a white-haired woman in Boone county, read an advertisement inquiring about a Lizzie Butler, and later learned that her aged aunt vaguely remembered some of the facts relating to the child. These facts though meagre proved to be a clue which aided Mr. Gillespy in his search. The final clue which led to the finding of the lost heir was given by B. C. M. Farthing, the Mercury historian at Paris. By putting two and two together from the facts gathered by Mr. Gillespy, he finally came to the conclusion that Lizzie Butler was Libby Wetmore, now Mrs. Vantine.

Mr. Gillespy notified Mrs. Vantine. She brought suit through Gillespy & Conley for her portion of the estate.

The case will be hotly contested on both sides. The heirs against whom the suit is brought are: Mary Butler and Vincent Butler, executors of the estate, and Martin E. Butler, Louisa Phelan, May Woods, his children, and John Butler, Butler Stewart, Thornton Stewart, and Mrs. Eugenia Turner, his grandchildren.

NIAGARA FALLS AS A SUICIDE RESORT

Eleven Have Ended Their
Lives There Since July
1 Last.

MANY BODIES ARE NEVER FOUND

Woman Eludes Guards and
Leaps Headfirst Into
Cataract.

NIAGARA FALLS, Oct. 15.—To the grave alarm of Reservation Commissioners, and the horror of both the American and Canadian cities, Niagara Falls has gained more notoriety as a suicide resort this season than its fame as a place of pleasure has grown in years.

Eleven violent deaths since July have caused the state authorities to consider seriously what further measures may be adopted to prevent despondent persons throwing themselves into the fascinating whirlpool or seeking the entrancing beauties of the isle dotted cataract as the scene for taking their lives by bullet or poison.

The suicide Tuesday of Mrs. L. D. Draper of Saginaw, Mich., by eluding the vigilance of the guards and throwing herself headlong over the rail into the river above the American falls, impressed the growing problem on Superintendent Perry and the Commissioners.

The woman's strange actions caused the guards to suspect that she was contemplating suicide, and when she started to cross the bridge to Goat Island at 7 o'clock an officer turned her back, giving as excuse that the reservation was not yet open to the public. Other officers were warned of the woman's peculiar actions.

Threw Off Suspicion.

Throwing off suspicion by hiring a carriage, she returned to the reservation after the guards had directed her toward the city. She concealed her long black cloak and was able to drive past the guards without being recognized. Near the river's edge she told the driver to stop. Leaving the black cloak in the seat she started to walk around toward Prospect Point. Five officers were within sight but none recognized Mrs. Draper as the woman of the long, black cloak until she started to run toward the protecting railing.

Then an officer shouted to her and started in pursuit.

He was too late. At a point where the railing is at the cataract's edge she threw herself headforemost into the river and in an instant was carried over the precipice. Relatives in Saginaw telegraphed last night a reward for finding of the body, but no sight of it has been obtained.

No Accurate Estimate.

There can be no accurate estimate of the number of suicides whose bodies are never seen and whose disappearance remains a secret locked in Niagara's maw of death. Rivermen believe that many bodies are borne down the gorge and never found, for it is of record that several of the persons seen to plunge into the river were never found below the falls.

Since July 1, five persons—three women and two men—have been seen in their death plunge and the other men, whose suicide was unobserved, have been found drowned in the gorge.

The fascination of the Emerald Islands at the head of the falls as a spot for final meditation and death by shooting was never impressed upon the people of Niagara as it has been this summer. Three men found shot to death on the islands is the season's record to date. Supposedly all of them were suicides. They ended their lives at times when the attention of the guards was not liable to be attracted.

The suicides concealed themselves in the leafy woods in each case and one was undiscovered for many days. The cataract's roar would muffle a pistol shot from hearing of a guard a hundred yards distant, and a suicide by shooting might happen unobserved at any time.

Known Record for Summer.

The summer's record of violent deaths follow, so far as known:

Henry McBain of Niagara Falls, N. Y., jumped into Horseshoe Falls in July. John A. McNab of Toronto, body found in the river at Lewiston on July 12.

Fritz Poehle of Toronto, blew out his brains on one of the islands on July 18. Miss Grace Greenfield of Derby, N. Y., a beautiful young school teacher, waded into the shallow water of the upper rapids and was swept over the falls on Sept. 8.

Miss Anna Dugan of Buffalo (identification not positive), jumped into the river from Green Island on Sept. 23.

The body of an unidentified man also was taken from the river below the falls Sept. 23, and is still held in the Morgue.

The partly decomposed body of a man, still awaiting identification, was found in the undergrowth on Goat Island on Sept. 28. He had been shot through the head a fortnight before.

Two days after this discovery the body of a younger man was found on the same island shot through the head.

The unidentified body of another man, found in the gorge on the Canadian side on Oct. 3, is in the Morgue.

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